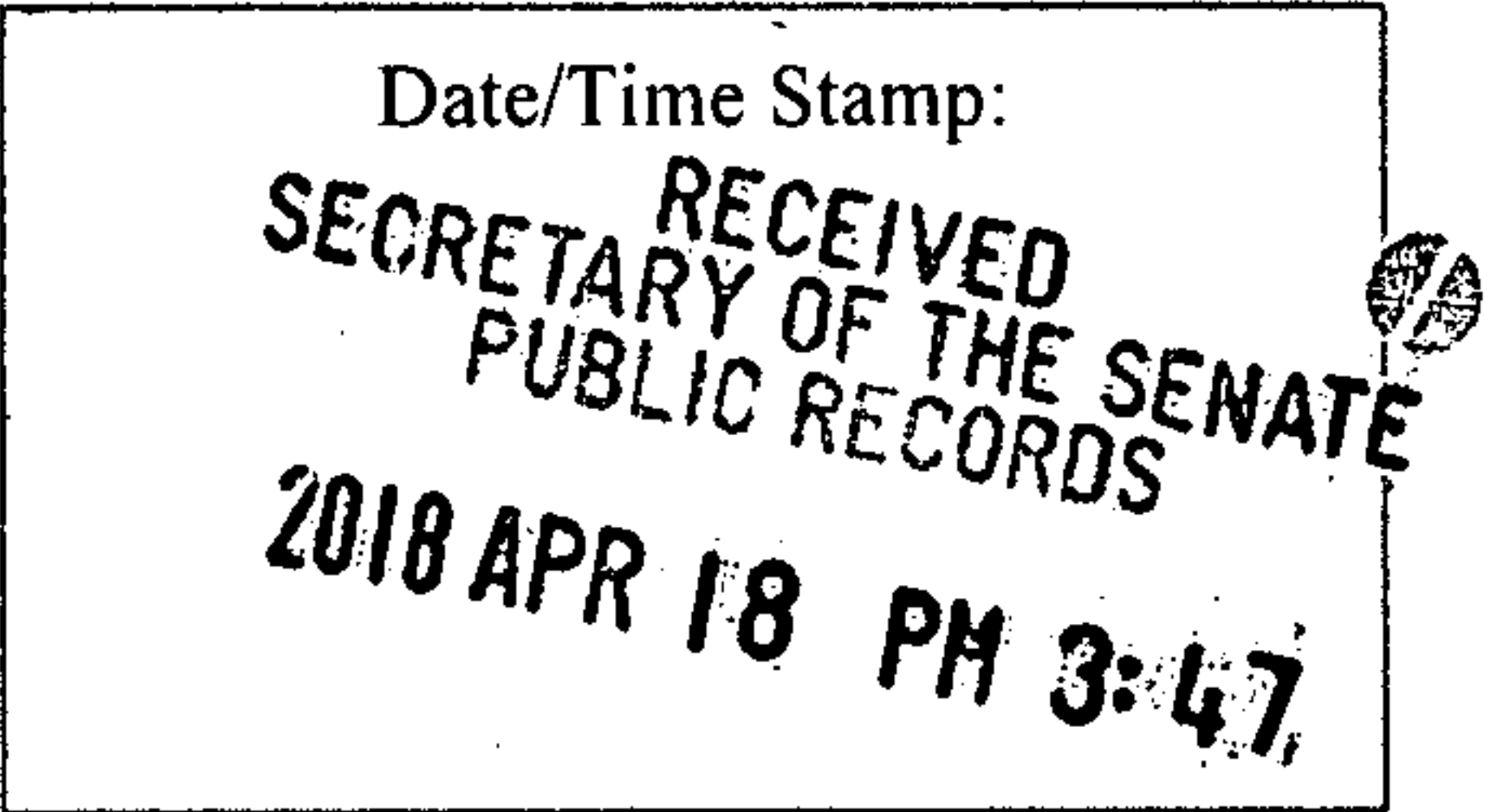


Employee Post-Travel Disclosure of Travel Expenses



Post-Travel Filing Instructions: Complete this form within 30 days of returning from travel. Submit all forms to the Office of Public Records in 232 Hart Building.

In compliance with Rule 35.2(a) and (c), I make the following disclosures with respect to travel expenses that have been or will be reimbursed/paid for me. I also certify that I have attached:

- ☒ The original Employee Pre-Travel Authorization (Form RE-1), AND
- ☒ A copy of the Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form with all attachments (itinerary, invitee list, etc.)

Private Sponsor(s) (list all): Progressive Policy Institute

Travel date(s): April 2-7, 2018

Name of accompanying family member (if any): N/A

Relationship to Traveler: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child

IF THE COST OF LODGING DID NOT INCREASE DUE TO THE ACCOMPANYING SPOUSE OR DEPENDENT CHILD, ONLY INCLUDE LODGING COSTS IN EMPLOYEE EXPENSES. (Attach additional pages if necessary.)

Expenses for Employee:

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
<input type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimate	\$1475	\$825	\$750	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Actual Amount				

Expenses for Accompanying Spouse or Dependent Child (if applicable):

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
<input type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimate				
<input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amount				

Provide a description of all meetings and events attended. See Senate Rule 35.2(c)(6). (Attach additional pages if necessary.):

4/18/18 Elizabeth F Falcone  
(Date) (Printed name of traveler) (Signature of traveler)

TO BE COMPLETED BY SUPERVISING MEMBER/OFFICER:

I have made a determination that the expenses set out above in connections with travel described in the Employee Pre-Travel Authorization form, are necessary transportation, lodging, and related expenses as defined in Rule 35.

4/18/18 Mark R Warner  
(Date) (Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer)

# 2018 PPI Mission to Europe Agenda

## Monday, April 2

6:05PM Flight Departs for Paris-Charles de Gaulle

## Tuesday, April 3

7:45AM Arrive at Paris-Charles de Gaulle Airport

8:15AM Airport Shuttle Pickup for Arriving Guests

9:30AM Arrive at Hotel  
Hilton Paris Opera  
108 Rue Saint-Lazare, 75008 Paris

10:30AM-11:30AM Meeting with U.S. Embassy in France  
*Discussion on US-France foreign relations and US policy priorities* **CANCELLED**  
Hilton Paris Opera  
108 Rue Saint-Lazare, 75008 Paris

12PM-2PM Lunch Meeting with EuropaNova and Members of the French Assembly hosted by Denis Massegia (LREM).  
*Mr. Massegia is a French politician representing La République En Marche! in the French National Assembly, elected from Maine-et-Loire.*  
*Discussion on the first year of President Macron's democratic reforms and US-France relationship*  
Restaurant L'Assemblée, 13 Rue de Bourgogne, 75007 Paris

2:30PM-3:30PM Meeting with Quai d'Orsay Policy Planning Team (Foreign Affairs Ministry)  
*Arnaud Metre and Andre De Beaupaire, Advisors on US-France Relations.*  
*Discussion on foreign policy priorities of current French government and US economic and security cooperation*  
Number 37 Quai d'Orsay, 75007 Paris

4:00PM-5:00PM Meeting with French Senators hosted by Senator Patricia Schillinger (LREM)  
*Discussion on France's policy priorities under President Macron and U.S.-France relations*  
French Senate, 15 Rue de Vaugirard, 75006 Paris

5:30PM-6:30PM Meeting with advisors of President Emmanuel Macron  
*Hugo Verges, Transatlantic Relations Advisor; Clement Beaune, EU & G20 Advisors; Laurent Martel and Fabrice Aubert, Taxation & Digital Economy Advisors*  
*Discussion on digital taxation and innovation policies*  
Élysée Palace, 55 Rue du Faubourg Saint-Honoré, 75008 Paris

7PM-10PM Reception and Dinner with Pierre Haski, co-founder of Rue-89  
*Discussion with French journalist on first year of Macron's presidency and what it means for Europe and the West*  
Laperouse, 51 Quai des Grands Augustins, 75006 Paris

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# 2018 PPI Mission to Europe Agenda

## Wednesday, April 4

7:30AM-8:15AM	Breakfast at Hotel
8:30AM-11AM	Meeting with the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) <i>Discussions on global competition policy, digital policy, and tax policy</i> OECD HQ 2 Rue André Pascal, 75016 Paris
12:19PM	Train Departs Paris Gare du Nord
1:45PM	Train Arrives at Brussels South Railway Station
2PM	Arrive at Hotel Hilton Brussels Grand Place, Carrefour de l'Europe 3, 1000 Brussels
3PM-4PM	Meeting with AMCHAM EU <i>Co-Chairs of the AMCHAM Competition Committee</i> <i>Bertold Bär-Bouyssi�re, DLA Piper and Jay Modrall, Norton Rose Fulbright</i> <i>Discussion on US-EU relations on competition, tax, and trade policy</i> Hilton Brussels Grand Place, Carrefour de l'Europe 3, 1000 Brussels
4:30PM-5:45PM	Meeting with Directorate General for Communications Networks, Content and Technology (DG Connect) <i>Gerard de Graaf, Director, Digital Single Market</i> <i>Menno COX, Unit: E-Commerce &amp; Platforms</i> <i>Discussion on upcoming European digital platform regulations</i> Hilton Brussels Grand Place, Carrefour de l'Europe 3, 1000 Brussels
6PM-7:30PM	Reception with EU Parliament and Commission Staff <i>Meet and greet with EU government staff counterparts</i> KWINT, Mont des Arts 1, 1000 Brussels
8PM-10PM	Dinner with the Wall Street Journal <i>Natalia Drozdiak, Reporter, EU antitrust and tech and telecoms regulation</i> <i>Discussion on ongoing "state aid" cases and competition investigations</i> Restaurant Au Vieux Saint-Martin, Place du Grand Sablon 38, 1000 Brussels

## Thursday, April 5

8AM	Breakfast
9:30AM-10:45AM	Directorate General for Competition (DG Comp) <i>Kris Dekeyser, Director of Policy &amp; Strategy</i> <i>Guillaume Lorient, Director of Markets: Information, Communication &amp; Media</i> <i>Brice Allibert, Deputy Head of Unit, IT &amp; Internet Antitrust</i> <i>Max Lienemeyer, Head of Unit, Tax Planning Practices</i> <i>Filip Kubik, International Relations Officer</i> <i>Guillaume Lorient, Director, Information,</i>

# 2018 PPI Mission to Europe Agenda

## *Communication and Media*

*Discussion on current EU competition and antitrust policies and state-aid cases*

European Commission DG for Competition

Place Madou 1, 1210 Saint-Josse-ten-Noode, Belgium

11AM-12PM

Meeting with the Directorate General for Trade of the European Commission (DG Trade)

*Hiddo Houben, Head of Unit for U.S. & Canada, EU Deputy Chief Negotiator for the T-TIP*

*Discussion on status and future of the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (T-TIP) between the EU and US*

Rue de la Loi 200, 1000 Brussels

12:15PM-2PM

Lunch Meeting with the Embassy of Ireland

*Declan Kelly, Director of Economic Financial Affairs Council, Permanent Representation of Ireland to the European Union*

*Louise Heenan, Fiscal Attaché*

*Discussion on state-aid cases, digital trade and taxation, and EU antitrust policy impact on smaller member states*

Rue Froissart 50, 1040 Brussels

2:15PM

Depart for Brussels Airport

4:40PM

Flight Departs Brussels

6PM

Flight Arrives at Berlin Airport

6:45PM

Arrive at Hotel

Hilton Berlin

Mohrenstraße 30, 10117 Berlin

7:30PM-10PM

Dinner with Das Progressive Zentrum

*Stephan Mayer, Parliamentary Secretary of State, Federal Ministry of Interior, Building and Community, Christian Social Union (CSU)*

*Anna Sauerbrey, Opinion Editor, Der Tagesspiegel & Columnist, New York Times*

*Mark Schieritz, Journalist, Die Zeit*

*Discussion on German competition & antitrust policy and US-EU-Germany engagement*

Borchardt, Französische Straße 47, 10117 Berlin

## **Friday, April 6**

8:30AM-10:30AM

Breakfast Meeting on Digital Trade

*Dr. Nicola Jentzsch, Head of Data Economy Project, Stiftung Neue Verantwortung,*

*Dr. Laura von Daniels, Deputy Chair Person, Foundation for Science & Politics*

*Valerie Mocker, Head of Development & European Digital Policy, Nesta*

*Daniel Krupka, Director, Society for Informatics*

*Marc Reinhardt, Executive Vice President, Head of Public Sector, Capgemini*

*Discussion on US-EU digital privacy and innovation policies*

Sankt Oberholz, Rosenthaler Straße 72A, 10119 Berlin

# 2018 PPI Mission to Europe Agenda

- 11AM-12PM Meeting with German Publishers  
*Christoph Fiedler, CEO, Association of German Magazine Publishers (VDZ) / Association of German Newspaper Publishers (BDZV)*  
*Discussion on copyright, data protection, publishers' rights, and content regulation*  
Haus der Presse, Markgrafenstrasse 12-14, 10969 Berlin
- 12:30PM-2PM Salon Lunch  
*Discussion on the forming of a new German government following Chancellor Merkel's reelection, comparative politics lesson*  
Ullstein Bar, Axel Springer Publishing Group, Markgrafenstr. 15 10969 Berlin
- 2PM-3PM Meeting with Thomas Kaseberg, Chief of Competition Law, Federal Ministry of Economics and Technology (BMWi)  
*Discussion on German antitrust policy, ongoing competition investigations, and the implications for U.S. business operating in Germany*  
Axel Springer Publishing Group, Markgrafenstr. 15 10969 Berlin
- 3:30-4:30PM Meeting with the Global Public Policy Institute  
*Thorsten Benner, Director, GPPi*  
*Mirko Hohmann, Project Manager, Data & Technology Politics, GPPi*  
*Discussion on new German social media regulation and implications for U.S. social media users*  
Reinhardtstraße 7, 10117 Berlin
- 5:30PM-7PM Farewell Reception with PPI & DPZ  
*Trip debrief and wrap-up discussion on what impact European and Member State policymaking will have on congressional policy priorities*  
Das Progressive Zentrum Werftstraße 3, 10557 Berlin

## Saturday, April 7

- 9:55AM Flight Departs Berlin for Paris
- 11:45AM Flight Arrives in Paris
- 1:25PM Flight Departs for Washington, D.C.
- 3:50PM Flight Arrives at Washington Dulles International Airport





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This will be PPI's fifth consecutive year hosting top-level meetings in Europe with our transatlantic allies and partners. However, with a new White House and ever changing political dynamics across Europe, this will be our most consequential trip to date. The desire from key players in Europe to meet and talk with their American counterparts in Congress and the states is at a significantly heightened level, and PPI believes it is important for U.S. policy professionals to experience and learn about the current European view not represented in domestic press reports.

This mission will cover a wide range of topics and the schedule is not for the faint of heart; you will see much of Europe in a short period of time! As Europe has its own view on competition and trade policy, we will spend time hearing why it is believed that America's leading edge in innovation poses consumer danger to Europeans and their markets and hopefully learn what they plan on doing next.

Specifically, this mission will hold meetings directly relating to:

- Ongoing competition investigations targeting US multi-nationals, including "State Aid" cases
- The impact of European privacy laws and crackdown on social media
- The "Macron story:" will Europe have a rebirth of purpose?
- How does the new U.S. tax law impact EU-US relations?
- How to reboot transatlantic trade talks and preventing a shift to China by the EU
- The political landscape across Europe and its effect on the future of the European Union

PPI is a non-profit 501 (c) (3) organization with the mission of providing educational programming on current policy issues. As such, this mission will comply with House and Senate ethics rules. PPI was part of the founding and push for the "Third Way" movement in the 1990s and has continued this work since then by maintaining relationships in Europe and producing informative and thought provoking transatlantic missions and reports.

I hope that you will be able to join us in what promises to be an insightful and educational mission to Europe. Space is limited; please contact Cody Tucker at 202-775-0106 or [ctucker@ppionline.org](mailto:ctucker@ppionline.org) if you have questions or require further information.

Regards,

Lindsay M. Lewis  
Executive Director



# United States Senate

## SELECT COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

March 20, 2018

Elizabeth Falcone  
Office of Senator Mark R. Warner  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Ms. Falcone:

This responds to your recent correspondence concerning an invitation you received to travel to a Paris, France; Brussels, Belgium; and Berlin, Germany, for meetings with transatlantic allies and partners, on April 2-7, 2018, sponsored by the Progressive Policy Institute (PPI). PPI certified to the Select Committee on Ethics (the Committee) that it will pay the *necessary expenses*<sup>1</sup> related to the travel and that it is neither a lobbyist, nor lobbying firm, nor agent of a foreign principal, and it is not otherwise acting as a representative or agent of a foreign government. PPI has also certified that it does not retain or employ a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal and that no registered lobbyist will accompany you at *any point throughout your trip*.<sup>2</sup>

Based on information and materials available to the Committee, and assuming the **actual** travel and travel-related expenses conform to the information and materials you provided, it appears that the proposed payment or reimbursement of necessary expenses for this trip **may be accepted** under relevant Senate Rules and the Committee's *Regulations and Guidelines for Privately-Sponsored Travel*, so long as at the time of the payment or reimbursement, PPI is neither a registered lobbyist nor lobbying firm under the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995, nor an agent of a foreign principal under the Foreign Agents Registration Act (and is not otherwise acting as a representative or agent of a foreign government), and provided the travel and all required documents are disclosed to the Secretary of the Senate in accordance with the provisions of Senate Rules 34 and 35.

Under Senate Rule 35, Senate staff must receive advance authorization signed by the Member or officer under whose direct supervision the individual works in order to accept payment or reimbursement for necessary expenses related to fact-finding travel. Further, such authorization and expenses must be disclosed to the Secretary of the Senate by filing the completed *Employee Pre-Travel Authorization* and the *Employee Post-Travel Disclosure of Travel Expenses* (Form RE-1 and Form RE-2), along with a copy of the *Private Sponsor Travel*

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<sup>1</sup> The term "necessary expenses" has a specific definition. See *Select Committee on Ethics' Regulations and Guidelines for Privately-Sponsored Travel – Glossary of Terms* at 8.

<sup>2</sup> The term "any point throughout your trip" has a specific definition. See *Select Committee on Ethics' Regulations and Guidelines for Privately-Sponsored Travel – Glossary of Terms* at 2.



*Certification Form*, and all relevant attachments (e.g., the private sponsor's invitation and itinerary) **within 30 days of the conclusion of Privately-Sponsored Travel.**

The Committee has determined that § 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations that are classified as private foundations, as opposed to public charities, may not pay for transportation from the United States to a foreign country.<sup>3</sup> However, PPI represented to the Committee that it is a § 501(c)(3) public charity, as opposed to a private foundation, pursuant to the Internal Revenue Code.<sup>4</sup>

Please be advised that the United States Constitution prohibits the acceptance of any gift, including a meal, from a foreign government without the consent of Congress. In the Foreign Gifts and Decorations Act (FGDA), Congress consented to the acceptance by federal government officials of: (1) gifts of minimal value and (2) travel or the expenses for travel taking place entirely outside the United States, from a foreign government (which includes those acting as a representative or agent of a foreign government).<sup>5</sup> The Senate has defined minimal value as \$100 or less. Further, pursuant to FGDA, there are certain reporting and procedural requirements that are imposed upon Members, officers, and employees who accept gifts from a foreign government. Please review the Committee's "Dear Colleague" letter of January 16, 2018, setting forth the items to be included in filing that report.

Finally, Senate Rule 34 requires a reporting individual,<sup>6</sup> on his or her Financial Disclosure Report, to make an annual disclosure of the receipt of payments or reimbursements under Senate Rule 35 from a private sponsor for officially-related travel expenses where, in the aggregate, travel expenses exceed \$390 from that sponsor during a calendar year. However, if a Member, officer, or employee properly reports the receipt of necessary expenses for such travel to the Secretary of the Senate within 30 days of the travel, as discussed above, the travel expenses need not be disclosed a second time on their Financial Disclosure Report.

If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Committee.

Sincerely,



Deborah Sue Mayer  
Chief Counsel and Staff Director

Enclosure: Travel Checklist

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<sup>3</sup> See 26 U.S.C. § 4941 et seq. Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code broadly defines non-profit, charitable, tax-exempt organizations. These § 501(c)(3) organizations are then further defined or designated as "public charities" and "private foundations."

<sup>4</sup> 26 U.S.C. § 501(c)(3).

<sup>5</sup> 5 U.S.C. § 7342.

<sup>6</sup> A reporting individual is someone whose salary equals or exceeds 120% of the basic rate of pay for GS-15 (\$126,148 for CY 2018) or is a political fund designee and is required to file Financial Disclosure Reports.

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**EMPLOYEE PRE-TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION**

**Pre-Travel Filing Instructions:** Complete and submit this form at least 30 days prior to the travel departure date to the **Select Committee on Ethics** in **SH-220**. Incomplete and late travel submissions will **not** be considered or approved. This form **must** be typed and is available as a fillable PDF on the Committee's website at [ethics.senate.gov](http://ethics.senate.gov). Retain a copy of your entire pre-travel submission for your required post-travel disclosure.

Name of Traveler: Elizabeth FalconeEmploying Office/Committee: Sen. Mark WarnerPrivate Sponsor(s) (list all): The Progressive Policy Institute (PPI)Travel date(s): April 2nd - April 7th 2018*Note: If you plan to extend the trip for any reason you **must** notify the Committee.*Destination(s): Pairs, France; Brussels, Belgium; Berlin, Germany

Explain how this trip is specifically connected to the traveler's official or representational duties:

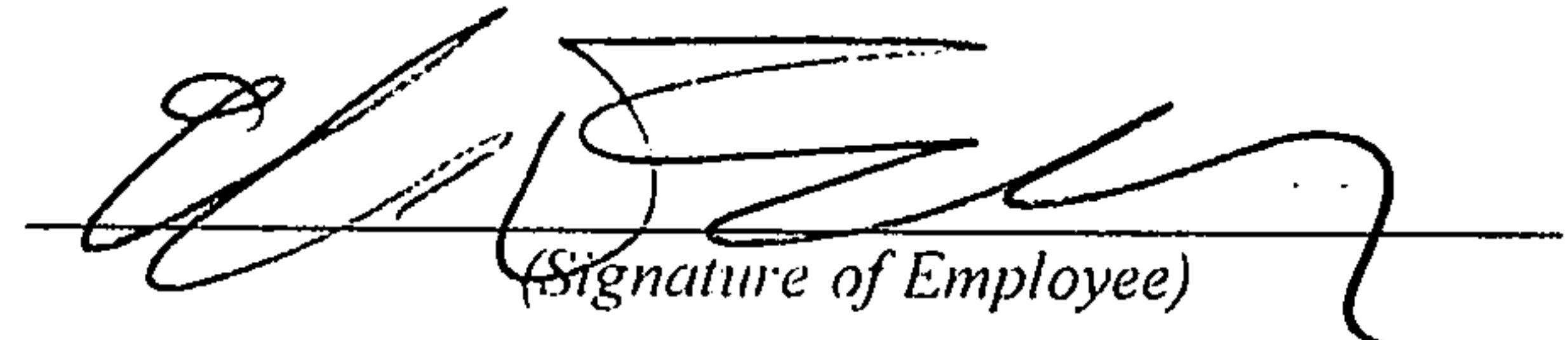
As legislative director it is important for me to gain knowledge on issues pertinent to the Senator's work and his committee jurisdiction, especially related to issues on the US-EU relationship & concerns related to tax, trade, privacy, competition and anti-trust.

Name of accompanying family member (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Employee: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child

I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge:

3/2/2018  
(Date)

  
(Signature of Employee)

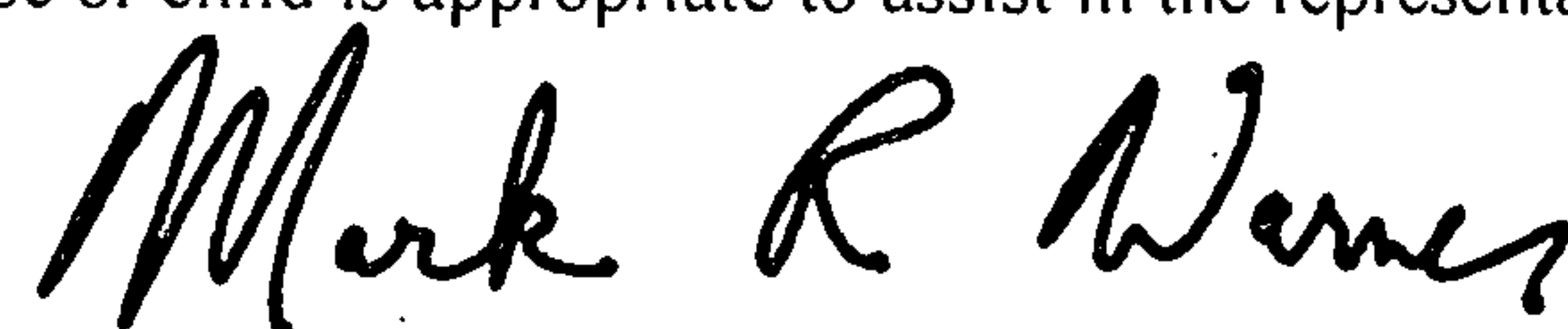
TO BE COMPLETED BY SUPERVISING SENATOR/OFFICER (President of the Senate, Secretary of the Senate, Sergeant at Arms, Secretary for the Majority, Secretary for the Minority, and Chaplain):

I, Sen. Mark Warner hereby authorize Elizabeth Falcone  
(Print Senator's/Officer's Name) (Print Traveler's Name)

an employee under my direct supervision, to accept payment or reimbursement for necessary transportation, lodging, and related expenses for travel to the event described above. I have determined that this travel is in connection with his or her duties as a Senate employee or an officeholder, and will not create the appearance that he or she is using public office for private gain.

I have also determined that the attendance of the employee's spouse or child is appropriate to assist in the representation of the Senate. (signify "yes" by checking box) ☐

3/2/2018  
(Date)

  
(Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer)

## PRIVATE SPONSOR TRAVEL CERTIFICATION FORM

This form must be completed by any private entity offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to Senate Members, officers, or employees (Senate Rule 35, clause 2). Each sponsor of a fact-finding trip must sign the completed form. The trip sponsor(s) must provide a copy of the completed form to each invited Senate traveler, who will then forward it to the Ethics Committee with any other required materials. The trip sponsor(s) should **NOT** submit the form directly to the Ethics Committee. Please consult the accompanying instructions for more detailed definitions and other key information.

The Senate Member, officer, or employee **MUST** also provide a copy of this form, along with the appropriate travel authorization and reimbursement form, to the Office of Public Records (OPR), Room 232 of the Hart Building, within thirty (30) days after the travel is completed.

The Progressive Policy Institute (PPI)

1. Sponsor(s) of the trip (please list all sponsors): \_\_\_\_\_
2. Description of the trip: To inform US congressional staff about issues related to US-EU relationship from a European perspective, including concerns with tax, trade, privacy, competition and anti-trust.
3. Dates of travel: April 2, 2018 to April 7, 2018
4. Place of travel: Paris, France; Brussels, Belgium; Berlin, Germany
5. Name and title of Senate invitees: Please see attached.
6. I certify that the trip fits one of the following categories:
  - ☒ (A) The sponsor(s) are not registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal **and** do not retain or employ registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal **and** no lobbyist or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *at any point* throughout the trip.
  - OR -
  - ☐ (B) The sponsor or sponsors are not registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal, but retain or employ one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal and the trip meets the requirements of Senate Rule 35.2(a)(2)(A)(i) or (ii) (*see question 9*).
7. ☒ I certify that the trip will not be financed in any part by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal.
  - AND -
  - ☒ I certify that the sponsor or sponsors will not accept funds or in-kind contributions earmarked directly or indirectly for the purpose of financing this specific trip from a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal or from a private entity that retains or employs one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal.
8. I certify that:
  - ☒ The trip will not in any part be planned, organized, requested, or arranged by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal except for *de minimis* lobbyist involvement.
  - AND -
  - ☒ The traveler will not be accompanied on the trip by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal except as provided for by Committee regulations relating to lobbyist accompaniment (*see question 9*).



9. **USE ONLY IF YOU CHECKED QUESTION 6(B)**

I *certify* that if the sponsor or sponsors retain or employ one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal, one of the following scenarios applies:

- ☐ (A) The trip is for attendance or participation in a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and one overnight stay) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *on any segment* of the trip.

– OR –

- ☐ (B) The trip is for attendance or participation in a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and two overnight stays) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *on any segment* of the trip (*see questions 6 and 10*).

– OR –

- ☐ (C) The trip is being sponsored only by an organization or organizations designated under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *at any point* throughout the trip.

10. **USE ONLY IF YOU CHECKED QUESTION 9(B)**

If the trip includes two overnight stays, please explain why the second night is practically required for Senate invitees to participate in the travel:

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11. ☒ An itinerary for the trip is attached to this form. I *certify* that the attached itinerary is a detailed (hour-by-hour), complete, and final itinerary for the trip.

12. Briefly describe the role of each sponsor in organizing and conducting the trip:

PPI is the sole sponsor in organizing and conducting the trip.

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13. Briefly describe the stated mission of each sponsor and how the purpose of the trip relates to that mission:

This trip is a continuation of more than 25 years of PPI's work in Europe. The purpose of the trip is related to our mission of education congressional staff on EU-US issues from a European perspective and how European government and the U.S. can better work together on common issues.

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14. Briefly describe each sponsor's prior history of sponsoring congressional trips:

PPI has sponsored congressional travel to New Orleans in 2001, New York City in 2015, and Europe from 2014-2017.

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15. Briefly describe the educational activities performed by each sponsor (other than sponsoring congressional trips):

PPI is a think-tank working for pragmatic solutions to public policy issues through the writing and analysis of policy proposals and hosting of educational programming.

16. Total Expenses for Each Participant:

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good Faith estimate	\$1550	\$750	\$650	
<input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amounts				

17. State whether a) the trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation or b) the trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *specifically with regard* to congressional participation:

b) This trip involves an event that is arranged or organized specifically with regard to congressional participation

18. Reason for selecting the location of the event or trip

Key EU public policy and political decisions are being made in the locations of this trip.

19. Name and location of hotel or other lodging facility:

Hilton Paris Opera; Hilton Brussels; Hilton Berlin

20. Reason(s) for selecting hotel or other lodging facility:

Location and cost



21. Describe how the daily expenses for lodging, meals, and other expenses provided to trip participants compares to the maximum per diem rates for official Federal Government travel:

All daily expenses are below the maximum per diem rates for official Federal Government travel.

22. Describe the type and class of transportation being provided. Indicate whether coach, business-class or first class, transportation will be provided. If first-class fare is being provided, please explain why first-class travel is necessary:

This mission will provide coach airplane and train travel.

23. ☒ I represent that the travel expenses that will be paid for or reimbursed to Senate invitees do not include expenditures for recreational activities, alcohol, or entertainment (other than entertainment provided to all attendees as an integral part of the event, as permissible under Senate Rule 35).

24. List any entertainment that will be provided to, paid for, or reimbursed to Senate invitees and explain why the entertainment is an integral part of the event:

N/A

25. I hereby *certify* that the information contained herein is true, complete and correct. (For trips involving more than one sponsor, you *must* include a completed signature page for each additional sponsor):

Signature of Travel Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

Name and Title: Lindsay Mark Lewis, Executive Director

Name of Organization: Progressive Policy Institute (PPI)

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Telephone Number: 202-617-4042

Fax Number: 202-525-3941

E-mail Address: llewis@ppionline.org

## **Senate Invitees**

### **Lee Holmes, Counsel, Senator Lindsey Graham (R-SC)**

Lee Holmes is Counsel to Senator Lindsay Graham, a member of the Senate Judiciary Committee, advising the Senator on competition, anti-trust, and telecommunications issues. This mission will explore policy similarities and differences in EU and US in these areas.

### **Elizabeth Falcone, Legislative Director, Senator Mark Warner (D-VA)**

Elizabeth Falcone serves as Legislative Director to Senator Mark Warner, a member of the Senate Finance Committee. This mission will in part explore how to reboot transatlantic trade negotiations and how to better harmonize US-EU tax rules.

### **Marc Marie, Counsel to Sen. Mike Lee (R-UT), Committee on the Judiciary Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy, and Consumer Rights**

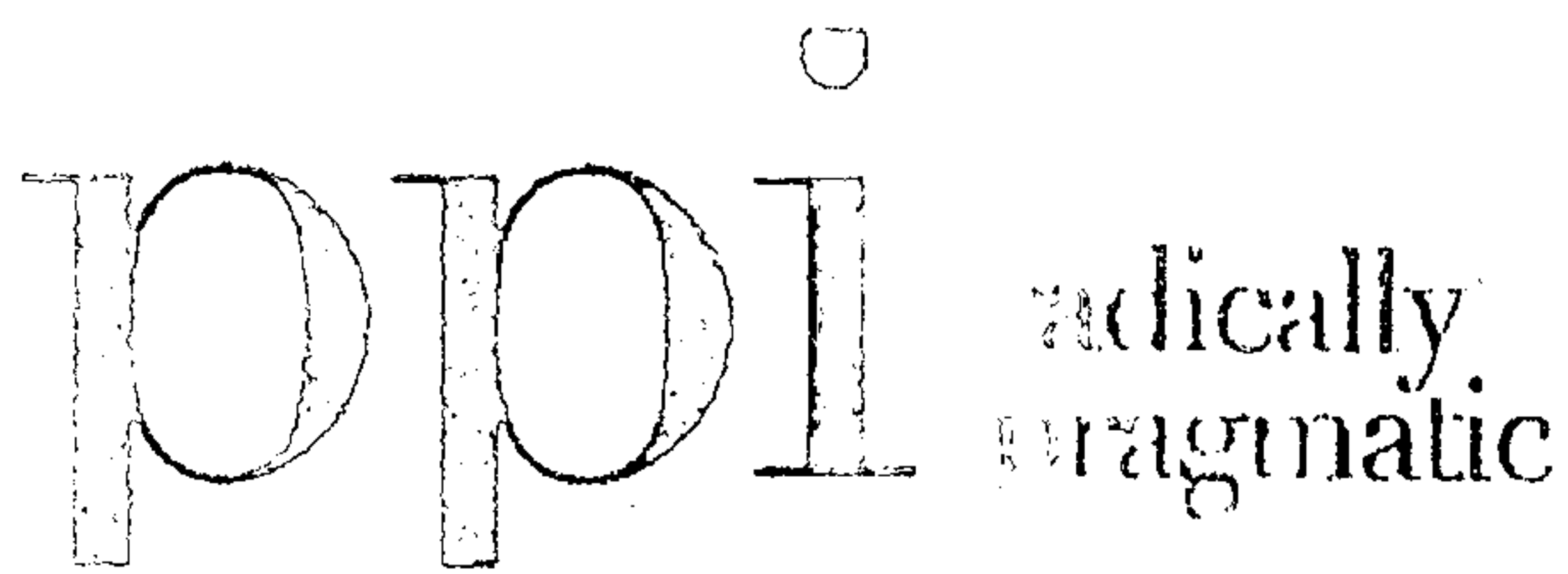
Marc Marie advises Senator Mike Lee on the Senate Judiciary Committee on issues related to competition and antitrust policy. This mission will feature meetings with European regulators and governing bodies on these topics.

### **Chandler Morse, Chief of Staff, Senator Jeff Flake (R-AZ)**

Chandler Morse is Chief of Staff to Senator Jeff Flake, a member of the Senate Judiciary Committee. This mission will explore policy similarities and differences in EU and US in areas related to privacy, copyright, data protection, and other issues related to the Senator's work.

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This mission will cover a wide range of topics and the schedule is not for the faint of heart; you will see much of Europe in a short period of time! As Europe has its own view on competition and trade policy, we will spend time hearing from regulators and governing bodies on why they believe America's leading edge in innovation poses consumer danger to Europeans and their markets and hopefully learn what they plan on doing next.

Specifically, this mission will hold meetings directly relating to:

- Ongoing competition investigations targeting US multi-nationals, including "State Aid" cases
- The impact of European privacy laws and crackdown on social media
- The "Macron story:" will Europe have a rebirth of purpose?
- How does the new U.S. tax law impact EU-US relations?
- How to reboot transatlantic trade talks and preventing a shift to China by the EU
- The political landscape across Europe and its effect on the future of the European Union

PPI is a non-profit 501 (c) (3) organization with the mission of providing educational programming on current policy issues. As such, this mission will comply with House and Senate ethics rules. PPI was part of the founding and push for the "Third Way" movement in the 1990s and has continued this work since then by maintaining relationships in Europe and producing informative and thought provoking transatlantic missions and reports.

I hope that you will be able to join us in what promises to be an insightful and educational mission to Europe. Space is limited; please contact Cody Tucker at 202-775-0106 or [ctucker@ppionline.org](mailto:ctucker@ppionline.org) if you have questions or require further information.

Regards,

Lindsay M. Lewis  
Executive Director

# 2018 PPI Mission to Europe Agenda

## Monday, April 2

- 4:05PM Arrive at Washington Dulles International Airport
- 6:05PM Flight Departs for Paris-Charles de Gaulle

## Tuesday, April 3

- 7:45AM Arrive at Paris-Charles de Gaulle Airport
- 8:15AM Airport Shuttle Pickup for Arriving Guests  
*Jana Plat will be waiting – 805-207-5741.*
- 9:30AM Arrive at Hotel  
Hilton Paris Opera  
108 Rue Saint-Lazare, 75008 Paris
- 10:30AM-11:30AM Meeting with U.S. Embassy in France  
*Discussion on US-France foreign relations and US policy priorities*  
Hilton Paris Opera  
108 Rue Saint-Lazare, 75008 Paris
- 12PM-2PM Lunch Meeting with EuropaNova and Members of the Parliament hosted by Denis Masseglia (LREM).  
*Mr. Masseglia is a French politician representing La République En Marche! in the French National Assembly, elected from Maine-et-Loire.*  
*Discussion on the first year of President Macron's democratic reforms and US-France relationship*  
Restaurant L'Assemblée, 13 Rue de Bourgogne, 75007 Paris
- 2:30PM-3:30PM Meeting with Quai d'Orsay Policy Planning Team (Foreign Affairs Ministry)  
*Arnaud Metre and Andre De Beaupaire, Advisors on US-France Relations.*  
*Discussion on foreign policy priorities of current French government and US economic and security cooperation*  
Number 37 Quai d'Orsay, 75007 Paris
- 4:00PM-5:00PM Meeting with French Senators hosted by Senator Patricia Schillinger (LREM)  
*Discussion on new French competition proposals and how it compares to U.S. policy*  
French Senate, 15 Rue de Vaugirard, 75006 Paris
- 5:30PM-6:30PM Meeting with advisors of President Emmanuel Macron  
*Hugo Verges, Transatlantic Relations Advisor; Clement Beaune, EU & G20 Advisors; Laurent Martel and Fabrice Aubert, Taxation & Digital Economy Advisors*  
*Discussion on digital taxation and data policy*  
Élysée Palace, 55 Rue du Faubourg Saint-Honoré, 75008 Paris



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7PM-10PM

Reception and Dinner with EuropaNova

*Discussion with French journalist on first year of Macron's presidency and what it means for Europe*

Laperouse, 51 Quai des Grands Augustins, 75006 Paris

**Wednesday, April 4**

7:30AM-8:15AM

Breakfast at Hotel

8:30AM-11AM

Meeting with The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)

*Discussions on competition policy, digital policy, and tax policy*

OECD HQ

2 Rue André Pascal, 75016 Paris

12:19PM

Train Departs Paris Gare du Nord

1:45PM

Train Arrives at Brussels South Railway Station

2PM

Arrive at Hotel

Hilton Brussels City Place Charles Rogier 20, 1210 Brussels

3PM-4PM

Meeting with AMCHAM EU

*Discussion on US-EU relations on competition, tax, and trade policy*

Hilton Brussels City, Place Charles Rogier 20, 1210 Brussels

4:30PM-5:30PM

Meeting with Directorate General for Communications Networks, Content and Technology (DG Connect)

*Gerard de Graaf, Director of the Digital Single Market*

*Discussion on upcoming European platform regulations*

Hilton Brussels City, Place Charles Rogier 20, 1210 Brussels

6PM-7:30PM

Reception with EU Parliament and Commission Staff

*Meet and greet with EU government staff counterparts*

KWINT, Mont des Arts 1, 1000 Brussels

8PM-10PM

Dinner with the Wall Street Journal

*Natalia Drozdiak, Reporter, EU antitrust and tech and telecoms regulation*

Restaurant Scheltema, Rue des Dominicains, 7, 1000 Brussels

**Thursday, April 5**

8AM-9:30AM

Breakfast Meeting with the Directorate General for Trade of the European Commission (DG Trade)

*Hiddo Houben, EU Deputy Chief Negotiator for the T-TIP*

*Discussion on status and future of the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (T-TIP)*

Hilton Brussels City, Place Charles Rogier 20, 1210 Brussels

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- 10AM-11:30AM Directorate General for Competition (DG Comp)  
*Carles Esteve Mosso, Acting Deputy Director General for mergers at DG COMP.*  
*Max Lienemeyer, Head of Sector in the Task Force Tax Planning Practices department at DG COMP.*  
*Guillaume Lorient, Director, Information, Communication and Media*  
*Discussion on EU competition policy and state-aid cases*  
European Commission DG for Competition  
Place Madou 1, 1210 Saint-Josse-ten-Noode, Belgium
- 12PM-2:15PM Lunch with European External Action Service  
*Anna Carin Krokst de, Chair, Council Working Party on Transatlantic Relations (COTRA), Deputy Head of Division, United States and Canada Division*  
*Discussion on transatlantic relations and US foreign policy initiatives in Europe*  
Parkside Brasserie, Avenue de la Joyeuse Entree 24, 1040 Brussels
- 2:15PM Depart for Brussels Airport
- 4:40PM Flight Departs Brussels
- 6PM Flight Arrives at Berlin Airport
- 6:45PM Arrive at Hotel  
Hilton Berlin  
Mohrenstra e 30, 10117 Berlin
- 7:30PM-10PM Dinner with Das Progressive Zentrum  
*Stefan Schnorr, Head of Digital and Innovation Politik, Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy (BMWi)*  
*Jimmy Schulz, Head of Digital Agenda Committee, Free Democratic Party (FDP), Member of Parliament*  
*Helga Springeneer, Head of Consumer Protection and Digital Society Department, Federal Ministry of Justice and Consumer Protection (BMJV)*  
*Discussion on German competition and antitrust policy and digital innovation*  
Borchardt, Franz sische Stra e 47, 10117 Berlin
- Friday, April 6
- 8:30AM-10:30AM Breakfast Meeting on Digital Trade  
*Dr. Nicola Jentzsch, Stiftung Neue Verantwortung, Head of Data Economy Project*  
*Dr. Laura von Daniel, Deputy Chair Person, International Financial System, Crises, and Trade Politics*  
*Prof. Dr. Dirk Messner, Head of German Development Institute & Head of Advisory Board on Dialogue Forum Free Trade*  
*Discussion on US-EU digital trade and innovation policies*



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- 11AM-12PM Meeting with German Publishers  
*Christoph Fiedler, CEO, Association of German Magazine Publishers (VDZ) / Association of German Newspaper Publishers (BDZV)*  
*Discussion on copyright, data protection, publishers' rights, and content regulation*  
Axel Springer Publishing Group, House of Press, Markgrafenstr. 15 10969 Berlin
- 12:30PM-2PM Salon Lunch with German Members of Parliament  
*Dr. Jens Zimmermann, Social Democratic Party; Thomas Jarzombek, Christian Democratic Union (CDU); Konstantin von Notz, Green Party*  
*Discussion on the forming of a new German government following Merkel's reelection, comparative politics lesson*  
Ullstein Bar, Axel Springer Publishing Group, Markgrafenstr. 15 10969 Berlin
- 2PM-3PM Meeting with Thomas Kaseberg, Chief of Competition Law, Federal Ministry of Economics and Technology (BMWi)  
*Discussion on German competition policy and the implications for U.S. business operating in Germany*  
Axel Springer Publishing Group, Markgrafenstr. 15 10969 Berlin
- 3:30-4:30PM Meeting with the Global Public Policy Institute  
*Discussion on US-German relations and cooperation*  
Das Progressive Zentrum Werftstraße 3, 10557 Berlin
- 5:30PM-7PM Farewell Reception with PPI & DPZ  
*Trip debrief and wrap-up discussion*  
Das Progressive Zentrum Werftstraße 3, 10557 Berlin

## Saturday, April 7

- 9:55AM Flight Departs Berlin for Paris
- 11:45AM Flight Arrives in Paris
- 1:25PM Flight Departs for Washington, D.C.
- 3:50PM Flight Arrives at Washington Dulles International Airport